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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
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In re application of:

DONALD G. WALLACE et al.

Application No.: 09/553,969

Filed: April 21, 2000

For: FRAGMENTED POLYMERIC
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 currently on file with the following twice-amended claim 1.

1 1. (Twice Amended) An extrudable fragmented biocompatible resorbable
2 hydrogel which is substantially free from an aqueous phase, said hydrogel being present in an
3 applicator having an extrusion orifice, wherein the hydrogel has been fragmented by mechanical
4 disruption.